

Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials, Subcommittee on Highway Transport

State Report

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Permits Issued Prior Year: 147,616 for CY2020

Permits Issued Year To Date: 10,680 for CY2021

Number of Staff Issuing Permits: 2/3

Does your State offer
Online Requests: Yes No

If yes what percentage
Of permits does your
System issue without
Your review? 48.2% for CY2020 were system issued.

New Legislation:

The Iowa Legislator is considering adding an Emergency Interstate Fleet permit type for when the Stafford Act is in effect.

Permitting System Updates: (Please include money or time saving changes)
Iowa received an Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD) Grant to upgrade the current oversized/overweight permit system known as IAPS to Bentley's latest Superload Connects Edition. The current version of IAPS went into production in 2013. We plan to begin the process in March 2021 with a 12-month project timeline.

Iowa DOT is also working with Bentley to update the map routing data. Our current expectation is the new map data will be in place by the end of 2021, however this is a complex, so we do not have a hard date as of yet.

Procedural Changes:

As part of the IAPS upgrade we will be reviewing the business rules behind each permit type. Based on the review process there is a potential for changes.

Innovative or Special Initiatives:

Iowa DOT contracted with Iowa State University to create a feasibility report for the Legislator. The reports focus is on the potential of creating a single state-wide permitting system for city, county and state roads. The report is due to the Legislator in December 2021.

New/Unique Communication Efforts: (Describe any outreach to your carrier population)
The carrier communication effort we primarily use are the bulletin feature on the application page in IAPS and messages sent to our carrier/permit service listing via GovDelivery. GovDelivery is a web-based e-mail subscription management system.

Special Challenges Affecting Permit Operations:
Iowa has notice the increasing number and size of loads.

Uniformity Pursuits:
MAASTO is currently looking at harmonizing the weight on emergency permits to make it easier for carriers to cross state line during emergency declarations.

Areas of Concern:
The increasing load dimension and weight with regards to Iowa's infrastructure.

Successes:
In 2020 Iowa issued our 1,000,000th permit since IAPS system started in 2013.

DAVE - DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE LARGE MEGA LOAD YOU ISSUED LAST YEAR? I BELIEVE IT WAS OVER 900K. IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO LIST HERE.

Other: